

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4840, H4857–58, H4858, H4859, and H4859–60. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS/ TRANSPORTATION–TREASURY–HUD APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006; SUBALLOCATIONS OF BUDGET ALLOCATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2006: the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs; and the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies.

The Committee also approved revised 302(b) Suballocations of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2006.

MARINE CORPS FORCE PROTECTION

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing to review Marine Corps force protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Marine Corps, Department of the Navy: GEN William L. Nyland, USMC, Assistant Commandant; and BG William D. Catto, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command.

U.N. OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “The United Nations Oil-For-Food Program: A Review of the 661 Sanctions Committee.” Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Schweich, Chief of Staff, United States Mission to the United Nations, Department of State.

FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled “Authorizing the President’s Vision: Making Permanent The Faith-Based and Community Initiative—H.R. 1054, Tools for Community Initiatives Act.” Testimony was heard from Representatives Green of Wisconsin and Scott of Virginia; David Kuo, former Deputy Director of the White House Faith-Based Initiative; Bobby Polito, former Director, Center for Faith-Based Community Initiatives, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

IRAG RECONSTRUCTION

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing entitled “The Development Fund for Iraq: U.S. Management of Iraq Oil Proceeds and Compliance with U.N. Security Council Resolution 1483.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Stuart W. Bowen, Jr., Special Inspector General, Iraq Reconstruction; William Reed, Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency; COL Emmett H. Du Bose, Jr., Deputy Commander and Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Joseph A. Benkert, Defense Reconstruction Support Office, Office of the Secretary; David Norquist, Under Deputy Secretary (Financial Management); and public witnesses.

OPEN-SOURCE INFORMATION—EFFECTIVE USE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled “Using Open-Source Information Effectively.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NUCLEAR MATERIAL DETECTION TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “Detecting Nuclear Weapons and Radiological Materials: How Effective Is Available Technology?” Testimony was heard from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; Vayl Oxford, Acting Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, Department of Homeland Security; Michael K. Evenson, Acting Director, Combat Support Directorate, DTRA, Department of Defense; David Huizenga, Assistant Deputy Administrator, International Materials Protection and Cooperation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Richard L. Wagner, Jr., Senior Staff Member, Los Alamos National Laboratory; and Bethann Ronney, Manager, Port Security, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 326, amended, Calling on free and fair parliamentary elections in the Republic of Azerbaijan; H. Res. 328, amended, Recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers’ strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the

establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union; and H. Con. Res. 155, Urging the Government of the Republic of Albania to ensure that the parliamentary elections to be held on July 3, 2005, are conducted in accordance with international standards for free and fair elections.

BRIEFING—MIDDLE EAST DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia held a briefing on Democracy in the Middle East: Toward an Inter-Arab Democratic Charter. The Subcommittee was briefed by A. A. El-Eryani, former Prime Minister of Yemen.

OVERSIGHT—MUSIC LICENSING REFORM; FEDERAL CONSENT DECREE FAIRNESS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on Copyright Office Views on Music Licensing Reform. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 1229, Federal Consent Decree Fairness Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Blunt; David Goetz, Commissioner, Department of Finance and Administration, State of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT AND EMPLOYER SANCTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on the Lack of Worksite Enforcement and Employer Sanctions. Testimony was heard from Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2006

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 2985, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, to be equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill). The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments

printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jo Ann Davis of Virginia, Flake, Baird and Tierney.

VETERAN'S ACCESS TO CAPITAL

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing on Veteran's Access to Capital. Testimony was heard from Bill Elmore, Associate Administrator, Office of Veterans Business Development, SBA; Patrica Kerr, Veterans Ombudsman, State of Missouri; and public witnesses.

UNION SALTING

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs held a hearing entitled "Union Salting—Organizing Against Small Business." Testimony was heard from Representative King of Iowa; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—DEEPWATER IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing on Deepwater Implementation. Testimony was heard from VADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Chief of Staff, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security.

OVERSIGHT—JUDICIARY'S SPACE NEEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on The Judiciary's Ability to Pay for Current and Future Space Needs. Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA; the following officials of the Judicial Conference of the United States: Jane R. Roth, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Chairman Security and Facilities; and Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, Secretary to the Judicial Conference.

VETERANS MEDICAL CARE REVENUE ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations approved for full Committee action H.R. 2988, Veterans Medical Care Revenue Enhancement Act of 2005.

SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Protecting and Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue June 23.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Richard A. Raymond, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Livestock Mandatory Reporting Act of 1999, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Gregory L. Schulte, of Virginia, to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador, Michael E. Hess, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development in the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Dina Habib Powell, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati, Joseph A. Mussomeli, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Emil A. Skodon, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, and Henrietta Holsman Fore, of Nevada, to be Under Secretary of State for Management, Time to be announced, S-116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S.662, to reform the postal laws of the United States, S.457, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance for, and provide oversight of, the management of micropurchases made with Governmentwide commercial purchase cards, S. 611, to establish a Federal Interagency

Committee on Emergency Medical Services and a Federal Interagency Committee on emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, S. 37, to extend the special postage stamp for breast cancer research for 2 years, and the nominations of Linda Morrison Combs, of North Carolina, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget, Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, Laura A. Cordero, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and A. Noel Anketell Kramer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and several post office naming bills, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the In Re Tribal Lobbying Matters, Et Al, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to Review the Centennial of the USDA Forest Service, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on The Department of Homeland Security, hearing on U.S. Coast Guard, Deepwater Program, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, The Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on United Nations Task Force, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Afghanistan: Operations and Reconstruction, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Budgeting in the Congress, Reflections on How the Budget Process Functions, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to mark up H.R. 2830, Pension Protection Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up H.R. 1132, National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005; followed by a hearing entitled "Medicaid Prescription Drugs: Examining Options for Payment Reform," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Combating Trafficking in Persons: An International Perspective," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Wasted Space, Wasted Dollars: The Need for Federal Real Property Management Reform," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance, and Accountability, to consider pending business; followed by a hearing entitled "The Evolution of Federal Financial Management—A Review of the Need to Consolidate, Simplify, and Streamline," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure, Protection, and